



Operational Policy 06: SEWER LINES

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Policy Statement: Individuals whose units have sewer problems should follow established procedures.

Introduction/Background:

Types of Sewer Lines in Lakeshore Village (LSV):

1. *Main Lines* are owned and maintained by Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG). Main lines drain into the public sewer system.
2. *Lateral Lines* extend from each dwelling unit to a main line. Two types of lateral lines exist in LSV:
 - a. *Dedicated Lateral* is a line that serves only one unit. One single unshared line runs from the unit to the main line.
 - b. *Partially Shared Lateral* is a dedicated line running from a unit, but later joins with a line shared by an adjoining unit running to the main line. Each such lateral is thus composed of two parts: a dedicated part and a shared part.

Maintenance and Repair of Sewer Lines

1. *Main Line* maintenance and repair are the responsibility of LFUCG.
2. *Lateral Line* maintenance and repair responsibility depend on the type and area of the line:
 - a. *Dedicated Laterals* are the responsibility of the Owner of the unit served by the lateral;
 - b. *Partially Shared Laterals* are the responsibility of:
 - i. LSV for the shared portion of the line; and
 - ii. Owner of the unit served by the dedicated portion of the line

Procedures:

- A. In the case of a sewer clog, the individual should first call LFUCG (311) to request that the main sewer line be checked and cleaned.
- B. To prevent sewer line clogs, it is advisable to use single-ply toilet tissue and refrain from flushing items that do not break up and move on such as feminine products, kitty litter and thick tissue.
- C. Tree root growth is a known problem within sewer lines; several products designed to kill root growth can be purchased and flushed according to product directions. Tree roots in a line are caused by cracks in the line. Repair and/or replacement of the lateral line by a licensed plumber can alleviate this problem long term.

D. Owners are encouraged to locate their unit's clean-out. A licensed plumber can assist in locating the clean-out or installing one if it is determined that a unit does not have access to the clean-out.